

I urge upon the Government to stop this retrenchment, give suitable compensation or alternative jobs to retrenched or transferred employees and fill the vacancies caused by retirement and death by fresh recruitment so that production does not suffer.

- (iv) **Demand for Improving the existing telecommunications services before going in for their further expansion**

SHRIK. J. ABBASI (Domariaganj): The telecommunication network in the country is being greatly expanded these days. While expansion of telephone lines is very important, it is necessary to give priority to improve the existing telephone services in the rural areas. It has been observed that even though telephone lines are provided in different parts of our rural areas, the instruments do not function properly and sometimes it becomes difficult to establish contact with places that are hardly twenty or thirty kilometres from the place of call. In my Constituency of Domariganj in Uttar Pradesh, for instance, it is almost impossible to establish contact even with the district headquarters. On enquiry, we are told that the batteries fitted to operate the instruments are weak or there is shortage of personnel.

It is a great facility to have telephone connection in remote areas, as is the case now, and one would like to use these connections for communications with far-off towns and metropolitan cities. But if these connections do not function properly, the facilities provided at great expense are wasted. I, therefore, draw the attention of the Minister for Communications to the need for improving the existing services before going in for further expansion.

[Translation]

- (v) **Demand for allowing female candidates to have their schools as Centres for Board's examinations**

SHRIMATI USHA RANI TOMAR (Aligarh) Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377, I want to point out that the Government has been giving emphasis on the promotion of female education. so many schools have been opened in Delhi and in other parts of the country. The Government has made efforts to provide all facilities to the female students for continuing their studies further. But the female students who are appearing in the Higher Secondary or Board's examinations are facing a lot of difficulty because generally, the examination Centres are located at distant places. Female student have to go to another school located in another colony for taking her examination. This system has to be changed. In order to save the female students from this inconvenience it is necessary that examination centres should be located in those very schools or in the same colony where the female students peruse their studies. I, would like to request the hon. Minister of Human Resource to issue necessary instruction to Delhi Administration in this regard.

[English]

- (vi) **Demand for in-crease in the monthly quota of rice and palmolein oil to the State of Orissa**

SHRI CHINTAMAJI JENA: (Banasore): Sir, the State of Orissa is the worst victim of vagaries of monsoon and severe drought of 1987. It is essential that States affected by natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone etc. are provided with adequate quan-